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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA
Pardeep Ahluwalia, President

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Awards and Changeover Night

ON DUTY

Table centrepiece plants **Jean Bégin** Greeters: **Susan Diening** and **Joseph Redhead**. Reception: **Carol Bell Thompson**. **Bob Harrison** and **Mary Wattie** collected tickets. **Bill Morris** sold tickets for the Past Presidents Draw. Music Master **Rod Holmes** on the key board accompanied our singing

WE BEGIN

Early arrivals chatted ate nibbles and used the cash bar when it opened at 5:30. At 6:30 Past President **Jean Bégin**, in the chair, welcomed us to the 44th meeting of the Rotary Year at which we would confer Awards and acclaim our Club president for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. She asked us to place our tickets, menu choice dot visible to the servers, on the side plate and where to look for the yellow dot which would determine the winner of the centrepiece plant. After singing O Canada, **Fred Sirotek** gave us a thoughtful grace as the last remaining Club charter member and asked us to stand for a moment of silent thankfulness.

Carol Bell Thompson welcomed the non-member recipients named below of tonight's Awards, their companions and other guests: Mila Solonnikov (guest of **Inna Flyazhenkova**) Aveen Khurshid, Denis & Marcelle Lacasse, Arlene Herres Lebrun, Hanif Jamal (guest of **Jean Bégin**), Alex Devries, Barbara Hemming, Elena Abramova (guest of **Brian Hartley**), and Ray Welburn (guest of **Sabby Duthie**). We sang them our Welcome Song

Bill Morris had **President Pardeep Ahluwalia** pull the winning PP Draw number and Mary Lever won the \$50 Home Hardware purchase card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PP Jean congratulated **Sabby Duthie** on her May 28 birthday.

Hadi Mortada reminded us of the Club BBQ chez **Ed Balys** June 15. Cost \$25. See **Rocco Disipio** to sign up and pay.

Also, **Len Baird** reports that the RCWO Bridge Marathon 2018-2019 wound up May 24 chez Patricia and **Clive Talbot**. Top winners in order were **Alan Bowles**, **Navin Parekh** and Patricia Talbot. Elsie Parkinson was average score winner

Stu Picozzi advises that the Rotary Home Golf-a-thon June 10 still needs more participants. Or just have the dinner at \$40. Interested? Call Cindy Wheeler Tel: 613 822 5391 or rotaryhome.on.ca. **Merv Letts** adds a plea for items for the event silent auction; a piece of art? Useful item not being used?

AWARDS

Just after 8:00 pm **PP Jean** asked **Alan Bowles**, Awards Committee Chair, to begin the Awards presentations. **Alan** would explain each award type, call on a member to read the citation and **President Pardeep** would present the award. **Alan** started with the Family and Community Service awards created by Rotary International to recognize exceptional service by family members of Rotarians or other individuals or organizations.

Alan called first on **Bob Harrison** to recognize the West Carleton Warriors Peewee Hockey Team members and their parents for their fundraising to support those in Dunrobin hit by the tornado of September 21, 2018. **Bob** showed a video and detailed some of the fundraising activities which won them a \$1000 Myers Team of the Week contribution and ultimately the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup which paid \$100,000 to the Dunrobin Tornado Relief Fund. Warrior team members Blake Voelker, Colton Lecuyer, Zack Hall, team coach Sean Lecuyer and parents Shelley Welsh, Shane Hall and Brian Voelker came forward to receive the Award.

Next F&CS recipient was Results Canada. **Merv Letts** read the citation which explained how this citizen advocacy group, by various lobbying activities, has won millions of dollars in Canadian government financial support for the Rotary End Polio campaign and also for other causes such as mother and child health. Larry Ladell, co-founder of the Ottawa chapter, received the Award

Third for the F&CS Award was Hospice Care Ottawa, **Bill Rolph's** citation told us it provides end of life and palliative programs at no charge. Board Chair Stephen Whitehead and board member Dawn Cooper received the Award

Next were the Lloyd Loynes Awards for outstanding volunteer service in support of club programs or to the community. Only Club members can receive it. **Ken Murray** read the citation qualifying **Joan Heyland** on both counts. She has made important contributions to Mums for Thanksgiving, the Membership Committee, Global Grant scholarship work, our own Club Foundation, service to her church and support for the Grandmothers in Africa. A second LL recipient was absent and will receive the Award later.

And then came the Paul Harris Fellow Awards conferred by the Club for distinguished service by individuals, Rotarian or not, that exemplifies the ideals of Rotary. This is different from the PHF Recognition for contributing US \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. Although the Award brings the same pin, certificate and medallion as the Recognition, the Club makes the US \$1000 contribution and not the Awardee.

Carol Bell Thompson read the PHFA Citation for **Marcia Armstrong** beginning with a quotation from Paul Harris on the importance of friendship to Rotary. It described **Marcia's** friendly approach to cooperation on the Mums Committee which she also chaired in 2018, and as Club Secretary and director on the Club Board and as a member of the Club foundation board.

The PHF Award citation for **PP Jean Bégin** was read by **Mary Wattie**. It listed **Jean's** two terms as President, co-chairing the Club's 60th anniversary celebration, her years of service to the Mums for Thanksgiving fundraiser, the news coverage of the End-Polio flag raised at City Hall and of having promoted multi club cooperation in planting, at area high schools; saplings from the oak trees of Vimy Ridge.

Joe Redhead then told us about the PHF Award presented in March on RCWO behalf by the Rotary Club of Oslo International to Geir Engdahl (pictured on the screen) for the contribution of Engdahl's Optimap routing software to the delivery of Mums for Thanksgiving plants. The Mums Committee had been seeking a way to thank Engdahl and **Susan Diening** had suggested the PHF Award.

PP Jean read the PHF Award citation for Mary Lever. She had proctored on her own time newly graduated nurses while still a full-time nurse. After retirement she had given a lot of time to the Club Mums program- delivery planning, dispatching and warehouse support – and contributed significantly to Club support for Shoe Bank. She also volunteered at a hospital, has driven for Meals on Wheels and helped at a homework club.

In the PHF Award citation for John Lebrun **Caroline DeWitt** told us about the success of the Cash Calendar, a top fundraiser for our Club for the last 15 years. Lebrun has been the Calendar's graphic designer and layout artist for those 15 years

Marilyn Letts told us in the PHF Award citation that when Anouk Hoedeman learned of bird deaths and injuries when their flock flew into a transparent walkway, she founded Safe Wings Ottawa. This volunteer group by research and lobbying has been able to reduce mortality from window collisions and get the city to establish a protocol for bird friendly zoning and building codes.

In the PHF Award citation **Doug Heyland** told us that Sue Garvey will retire this year after leading Cornerstone Housing for Women for 23 years. With 65 employees and over 300 volunteers Cornerstone provides for about 500 residents each year. After retirement Garvey will work with an Anglican group to build 125 affordable housing units.

The Club's Ruth Martin Award honours an organization or an individual, other than RCWO or one of its members, for performing noteworthy service for the well-being of the community over a number of years. **Alan** read us the RMA citation for Shehla Kerim 'volunteer extraordinaire'. Married with three children she volunteers at Manordale Public School with the kindergarten and after school at the homework club. Fluent in Middle Eastern languages she also helps families navigate the school system, she tutors in maths and language and helps with medical appointments. She coordinates soccer and women-only swimming programs and last September coordinated a food drive for families in Craig Henry hit by the tornado

Honoured Life Membership is awarded for outstanding service to the Club and to Rotary over an extended period. The Club Board recently raised from 5 to 6 the number of HLMS allowed at any one time and, with Awards Committee concurrence, decided that **John Kersley** would be eligible to receive the honour. Reading from the HLM citation **Fred Christie** told us that **John** had joined RCWO in 1982, became president in 1995, received RI's Avenues of Service Award and three Club PHF Awards. He brought in new members, got involved in many Club activities whether fundraising, selling, promoting or mentoring. He worked as Secretary to DG **Jack Troughton**. When health limited his mobility, he became contact person for ABC's of Fraud, and he ran the Club attendance recording and reporting.

At this point **Alan** thanked the Awards Committee and the others who made the Awards event a success and turned the meeting back to **PP Jean**

CHANGEOVER

PP Jean thanked **President Pardeep** for agreeing early to serve two years as President but stressed two sets of successive one-year terms is not the new trend. She then presented **President/PE Pardeep** as our President for 2019-2020

President Pardeep told us that **PN Ali Pahlavani** would soon brief us on the deliberations of the New Directions group since around Christmas 2018. One idea could be an early morning meeting on the first Friday of the month to facilitate attendance by members still working who find noon meeting attendance difficult
He called the 2018 -2019 Board together for a photo: **PP Jean Bégin**, **PN 20-21 Ali Pahlavani** (away), **PN 21-22 Chris Wanna**, Secretary: **Marcia Armstrong** , Treasurer: **Linda Flynn** (away), Director Community Service and Youth: **Ginette Thomas**; **International Service: Henry Akanko**; Club Service and Fellowship: **Eugen Achihaei**; Directors at Large: **Joseph Redhead** and **Susan Diening**.

He thanked **Ginette** and **Susan** who were leaving the Board and asked the new members for the 2019-2020 Board - Community Service: **Caroline DeWitt**; PN 22-23 **Graeme Fraser**; Treasurer: **Alan Bowles** - to join the rest for a photo.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Chris Wanna collected from

- Dawn Cooper happy about Rotary support for Hospice Care
- **Bob Harrison** pleased to have read the Awards citation for the West Carleton Warriors
- **Hadi Mortada** looking forward to the international Convention in Hamburg

THE CLOSE

President Pardeep called the Award recipients to come forward for a photo. **PP Jean** reviewed the program for June 4, reminded us that Rotarians should continue to “Be the inspiration” but to bear in mind the 2019-2020 theme “Rotary Connects the World”. She closed the meeting with the reminder that if we know someone who shares our interests and goals, we should invite them to join us.

PHOTOS

<https://rcwo.org/PhotoAlbums/2019-05-28-rcwo-awards-changeover-night>

Everyone present was photographed. **Larry Chop** has posted over 100 of the photos so have a look for yourself and friends

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Here are the winners of the Cash Calendar draws for the week, May 22 – 28, 2019:

1224 \$20 Mrs. Lise Hammel, Carleton Place, ON
0056 \$50 Jonathan & Emma Heyland, Vancouver, BC
3125 \$25 Marc Capelle, Ottawa, ON
3566 \$100 Beth Sweetman, Carp, ON
3255 \$50 Danielle K. Staresinic, Lefraivre, ON
0442 \$25 Irene Vander Velde, North Augusta, ON
3515 \$20 Kelly Carriere, Nepean, ON

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Cindy Manor, Director of Philanthropy: *Update on the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre*

Intro: **Ken Murray** Thanks: **Bob Harrison**

Greeters: **Don Butler, Carol Bell Thompson** Reception: **Brian Hartley** Grace: **Graeme Fraser**

PP Draw: **Suren Gupta** Editor: **Rocco Disipio** Meeting Fee/Attendance: **Doreen Ide**

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Patti Kay Hamilton: “Trapline to Deadline- trading a skinning knife for a CBC microphone”

Intro: **Gaye Moffett** Thanks: **Joan Heyland**

Greeters: **Jean Bégin, Rocco Disipio** Reception: **Doug Rowlands** Grace: **Eugen Achihaei**

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